to protect the penisonary benefits of Central Government employees governed by Central Civil Service (Pension) Rules, 1972 and who had retired during the period from 1st January to 30th September, 1996.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Clearance of wages of PSU workers

2188. SHRI N.R. DASARI:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allotted some funds to clear the outstanding salaries and wages of the workers in Central Public Sector Undertakings; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the outstanding dues of the workers, PSU-wise according to the latest available data and how much is expected to be cleared by the allotted funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) Government has been providing budgetary support to sick and loss making Central Public Sector Undertakings to meet expenditure on salaries and wages, etc. The total outstanding dues, including salaries and wages of Central Public Sector Undertakings, were about Rs. 1905 crore as on December 31, 2002. Government is taking appropriate decisions to clear these liabilities keeping in view the recommendations of the Group of Ministers.

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2189. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has directed the department of industrial policy and promotion and the Ministry of Finance to introduce policy measures to attract foreign direct investment in research and development;